

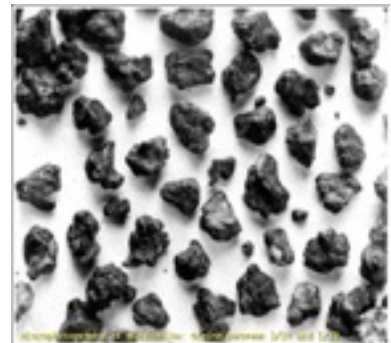
Rock-Forming Minerals: The 20 minerals that make up most of the rocks of Earth's crust are known as rock-forming minerals.



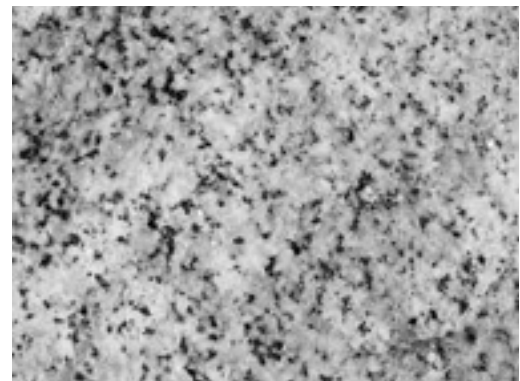
Texture: The look and feel of the rock's surface.



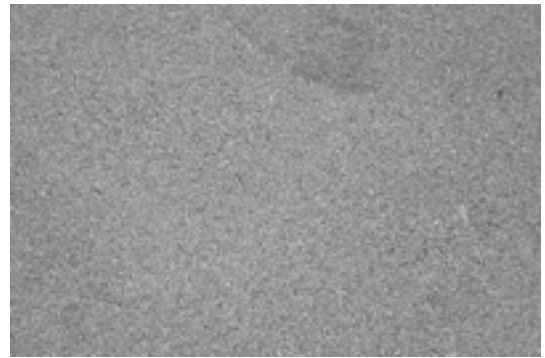
Grains: Particles of minerals or other rocks that give the rock its texture.



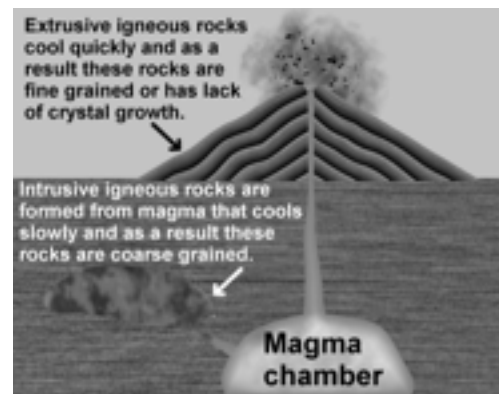
Coarse-Grained: The grains in a rock are large and easy to see are said to be coarse-grained.



Fine-Grained: Grains are so small that they can be seen only with a microscope are said to be fine-grained.



Igneous rock: Forms from the cooling of molten rock, such as magma or lava.



Sedimentary rock: Forms when particles of other rocks or the remains of plants and animals are cemented together.



Metamorphic rock: Forms when an existing rock is changed by heat, pressure, or chemical reactions.

